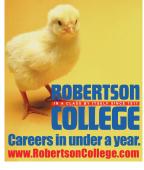
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# City offering curbside Christmas tree pickup

**WASTE** Instead of putting it outside their front door until spring, now Calgarians can put their Christmas tree at the curb for pickup.

The city will retrieve real Christmas trees from Calgary households that receive city residential garbage collection over two weekends — Jan. 9 to Jan. 11 and Jan. 16 to Jan. 18.

Residents should place their trees where they normally put their garbage by 7 a.m. on Saturday for pickup.

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The city will also operate eight temporary drop-off depots from Dec. 26 to Jan. 18.

Visit calgary.ca for more details on the drop-off locations.

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The St. Louis Blues' Alexander Steen (20), centre, is congratulated by teammates after scoring as the Calgary Flames' Robyn Regehr skates by in the second period of an NHL hockey game yesterday in St. Louis. The Blues beat the Flames 4-3. Story, page 22.

# Oilsands to get breaks?

# Emission allowances eyed for 'trade-exposed' industries: MP



# **Travel** pg 30

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says special breaks may be in store for Alberta's oilsands. Oilsands emissions may

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Olisands emissions may not drop as much as other industries as Canada moves to synchronize its environmental policies with its largest trading partner, the United States.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice said legislation moving through the U.S. Congress would grant special breaks to certain "tradeexposed" industries.

The bill — dubbed the

Waxman-Markey bill after its authors, Democrats Henry Waxman and Edward Markey — is a major piece of climate-change legislation before Congress.

It would, among other things, set a national cap on greenhouse gases and allow polluters to buy and sell allowances. This is known as a cap-and-trade system.

The bill would help some energy-intensive, trade-vulnerable industries adapt to new clean-energy rules and technologies by giving them special allowances to cover their higher costs.

Prentice told reporters in Copenhagen that it's important that whatever industries fall into that "tradesensitive" category in the States also do so in Canada.

Asked if that included the oilsands, Prentice replied: "I think any industry that is a trade-exposed industry in the same sense would be an industry that has to be considered in terms of its comparability to the U.S. framework"

The government has been studying which sectors might get breaks, he added, but no decision has been made.

Prentice was responding to documents obtained by the CBC that apparently suggest Canada's oil-and-gas industries wouldn't need to cut their carbon emissions as deeply as first thought. CBC is reporting that the draft documents were prepared for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet ahead of the Copenhagen climate talks. The public broadcaster says the documents outline a "working draft position" of Canada's stance on emissions targets.

CBC says the documents suggest the oil-and-gas industry would only have to reduce emissions by 15 megatonnes rather than the 48 megatonnes set out in its Turning the Corner climatechange plan.

Prentice said he isn't familiar with the draft documents, but he added they are not official policy.

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# Impending cabinet shuffle offers fun for poolies

DARREN KRAUSE darren.krause@metronews.ca

POLITICS Provincial political

poolies, rejoice!
With a Stelmach cabinet shuffle rumoured for early in the new year, Calgary marketing executive and political wonk Sean Libin has decided to have fun with it while engaging other politically charged Albertans in some harmless fun.

Libin, vice-president of marketing for Stride Management Corp., hopes to score with an online pool dedicated to its entrants predicting the outcome of the cabinet shuffle.

"There's a lot of policy wonks and a lot people who are interested in politics who are talking about this around the water cooler," said Libin. "This just gives people an

"This just gives people an outlet to have some fun and create some water cooler discussion and allow people to be a little more invested in the process."

And while Libin was going to enter his picks for the expected early January shuffle, he preferred not to taint the pool's integrity.

"I can say I think it'll be more than two portfolios changing," Libin said. "I think you'll see some (current) ministers relegated to the back benches as well."

Via Twitter, @seanlibin indicated he was looking into proper licensing yesterday. The entry fee is \$21. To enter, visit cabinet-shufflepool.com.

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# **Calgary tweets**

 @mattsolberg Mandatory sprinklers homes? #yyc alder-6 men really this obtuse or just bored? Time for some fresh faces.

@kasmcrae Dang, it's downright balmy outside. Might have to shave my legs and wear crop pants to work, heh. #yyc

• @wndxlori They can't

clear the snow from our streets, but they can afford curbside Christmas tree recycling?!?

 Qenms Dear crappy drivers of Calgary, If you're hanging out in my blindspot, I can't see you! Too many frozen brain cells me thinks.

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Video A man who blames Ottawa for "destroying" his family finds a new home in Belgium after being deported from Canada at metronews.ca/canada **Blogs** SpinDoctor on what

Stephen Harper and Tiger Woods can teach us about poor scandal management

# Talisman renos get \$1M boost

KRISTA SYLVESTER krista.sylvester@metronews.ca

Renovations to the Talisman Centre's mechanical, electrical, lighting and lockers rooms were given a \$1-million boost by the federal government vesterday.

The cash bolsters the already-announced \$45-million pool for upgrades, which are set to begin on the massive athletic complex Jan. 1, 2010, according to centre officials.

Calgary Centre MP Lee Richardson announced the funds are provided under the recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program.

"This critical investment will help put Canadians to (and) encourage



Talisman Centre, located near downtown Calgary, will undergo a \$45-million facelift in 2010.

greater participation in physical activity and use of recreational facilities," he said in a statement.

Talisman Centre presi-dent Robin Mitchell said the additional funds will help the centre undergo other necessary enhance-

ments. "We're really excited about the opportunities this funding has given us, and we couldn't be more grateful," Mitchell said.

"By the end of this construction project, Talisman Centre will truly be among the best sports facilities in North America.'

Although the excitement of renovations is key, the Talisman Centre will have to close its aquatics side on Ian. 1. followed by the running track, gym and cardio side afterwards. But officials say the renovations will be worth it in the long run.

However, Kalli Negrave, who swims at the centre, thinks the facility is already up to snuff, and doesn't see the need for such upgrades.

"I don't know why they would spend that much money to fix up something that already seems pretty good," she said.

Negrave said she will find other, less expensive pools to swim in around the city while the renovations are being completed.

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# Mustard Seed WestJet lends a hand



WestJet employee Dan Murray totes in boxes of toys donated to the Mustard Seed by WestJet employees. More than 600 toys were gathered.

# **Bus stolen from** firm catering to seniors, disabled

TRANSPORT A small bus company that serves seniors, disabled persons and special-needs kids is desperate to get back one of their buses they say was stolen over the weekend.

Kathy Garth of Dreams Transportation said the bus was stolen over the weekend, and was the only extra bus they had out of 20 in the fleet.

"It's been a struggle to get where we need to go without it," she said.

The bus has specialized seatbelts for children with disabilities.

Anyone with information is asked to call the company at 403-

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Record low temperatures blamed for record high power consumption

After setting an Alberta power consumption record last week, the bone chilling cold snap was behind the record 10,236 MW on Monday night — beating last week's record by 193 MW, according to the Alberta Electric System Operator. METRO CALGARY

# Stelmach says stay in nursing, students

Premier expects jobs to become available after baby boomers retire, promises to train 2,000

Premier Ed Stelmach is renewing his government's promise to train 2,000 nurses within the next two years amid warnings of grim job prospects for nursing graduates in Alberta. The premier used his "Ask Premier Ed" Internet video on health care to encourage nursing students to continue in their programs to fill nursing jobs he expects will be vacated by retiring baby boomers.

But this contrasts with an Internet blog by Alberta Health Services chief executive



Ed Stelmach

Stephen Duckett, who warns that times will be "tough" for nursing grads in the next couple of years.

Duckett writes that only about two per cent of the nurses eligible for voluntary retirement have offered to leave their jobs.

He warns that Alberta may still end up having to lay off nurses and other staff in order to eliminate a budget deficit.

Dozens of nursing grads held several protests this fall to say Alberta is basically training nurses to work in other provinces and the U.S.

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# Casino sold for \$10.6M

Century Casinos, Inc. is adding to its holdings in Alberta by acquiring the insolvent Silver Dollar casino in Calgary in a \$10.6-million deal with its operators, the Colorado-based company said yesterday.

Century said its Austrian subsidiary, Century
Casinos Europe GmbH,
had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire
100 per cent of the
outstanding common
stock of Frank Sisson's
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Dollar is an

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lar Ltd. and 100 per cent of the outstanding common stock of EGC Properties Ltd.

EGC Properties Ltd. The total consideration for the casino and related land was put at US\$10.6 million, plus or minus a working capital adjustment.

Century Casinos already owns and

operates the Century Casino & Hotel in Edmonton

"Once we have made certain improvements at the property and refined its market position, we believe the Silver Dollar has the potential to substantially contribute to our overall performance," said CEOs Erwin Haitzmann and Peter Hoetzinger said in a statement.

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Follow Santa's flight online Christmas Eve

Market Mall is offering a chance for Calgary kids to track Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, via their website marketmallsantatracker.com. METRO CALGARY

# Cold train suspect ID'd, charged

WETASKIWIN Police have released the name of a man who allegedly jumped a train near Wetaskiwin before he nearly froze to death Friday morning.

Jonathan George Hambler has been charged with one count of trespassing in connection with the incident.

Rescuers found Hambler clinging to life after a massive search uncovered the hypothermic man between two train cars near Blackfalds. METRO CANADA

# Alta. third in fall job postings: Poll

REPORT According to a report released yesterday by CareerAIM.com, the number of job postings in Alberta rose 9.1 per cent between October and November.

Alberta was third behind PEI and Ontario, marking a 12.2 and 10.8 per cent increase respectively, and ahead of Manitoba by nearly 2.5 per cent.

Five provinces posted net losses in job postings, but overall in Canada there was a 4.2 per cent increase.

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# High flight on solid ground

Public being given chance to test skills on professional simulator

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### I flew a plane from Vancouver to Squamish, B.C. yesterday and I only crashed once.

Well, it was a flight simulator but it was so realistic that my motion sickness kicked in more than once, though I managed to escape the cockpit without getting sick.

However, I did crash land in Squamish, but that's a whole other story.

My flight instructor at The Air Academy Henry Emson was patient and helpful when teaching me how to fly a (virtual) plane, but gave me the chance to recover from the first crash and land safely in Calgary after spinning around in the air a few times.

It's a \$500,000 virtual teaching tool but Calgarians can purchase a one-hour flight session for friends or loved ones — or themselves — and experience all the stresses and



Metro reporter Krista Sylvester stepped into the cockpit for her maiden voyage at the Air Academy. The academy is offering flight simulator time to the public for a fee.

the fun of flying a plane.

"People get a real kick out of it, men, women everyone. I think sometimes the women like it even more," Emson said of the experience. "You know, people fly inside of planes all the time but they don't really know what goes on in the cockpit and this is just a completely realistic simulation of that."

And I agree. The sights, the sounds and the movements all put me right in the cockpit of a plane flying over Vancouver Island. It was an unforgettable experience.

# Albertans big holiday spenders: Study

STUDY Calgarian Angie Mooij-Unrau isn't surprised to hear Albertans plan to spend more on the holiday season than their Canadian counterparts.

A Scotiabank 2009 Holiday Spending Study released yesterday says Canadians will spend \$891 on average during the season, and Albertans plan to spend \$1087. But Mooij-Unrau said she and her family actually spend over \$2,000.

"With buying gifts for the family and close friends and hosting parties, it really adds up fast. And we also donate money and items to several charities," she said, adding she buys for two kids.

"It's nice to include close family friends. They are like family and it wouldn't be Christmas without them."

But Mooij-Unrau isn't surprised the average in Alberta is higher; she believes the economy is better in the province.

The study also suggested Quebec will spend the least this year at \$814.

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# Rising water tables cause of condo flood: Officials

Acts of nature are to blame for a massive downtown condo building flood that forced residents to clear their vehicles from the parkade, say city officials.

Mike MacIsaac of City of Calgary Water Services said water from the Bow River seeped into the parkade of the Marquis Condo tower at 1108 6th Ave SW yesterday morning because of rising water tables.

"It's an act of nature and beyond anyone's control. When the ice builds up you just don't know where the water flow is going to go," he said.

MacIsaac said the city was pumping water out of the system in an effort to help the condo pump water out of the parkade.

# "It's an act of nature and beyond anyone's control. When the ice builds up you just don't know where the water flow is going to go."

Mike MacIsaac of city's Water Services

Despite warmer temperatures on the horizon, the city doesn't expect the change in weather to cause more water problems.

"No, it won't be a problem unless it was plus ten for a couple days in a row," MacIsaac added.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

# Agency warns of alleged scam

A southwest aid agency is claiming a man in the area could be conning businesses with a similar scam that happened at their office.

The Developmental Disabilities Resources Centre of Calgary said a man entered their Richardson Way SW office yesterday claiming his truck had broken down and that he had called a tow truck.

The man then claimed he didn't have enough money

to pay for the truck and asked for the balance, which he said he would pay back later, according to the DDRC. The DDRC said the man left and never returned with the balance owing. The agency said yesterday was the second consecutive day the man had come to their office.

They describe the man as in his 40s, 6-foot, with sandy blond hair.

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# **Calgary** in brief

TRANSIT The new 8th St SW LRT station will open for revenue service Friday, with a public event held from 7 to 9:30 a.m. with holiday treats for those who donate a nonperishable food item. It's the fourth platform to be refurbished in the city's 7 Ave. Refurbishment Project. The new station will be able to accommodate four-trains.

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January and February, Hyatt Regency Calgary is helping to grant the wishes of Alberta children with life-threatening medical conditions by donating 15 per cent of their Season of Wishes room promotion to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. BAKE SALE Public Interest

Alberta is organizing a bake sale to help raise money for the Alberta government. The organization claims the province has asked several community agencies that provide services to adults with developmental disabilities to give back \$3 million, forcing them to revise their budgets. The bake sale goes from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Radisson Heights community centre, 1310 – 28 St SW.

Calgary Flame Theo Fleury will be signing copies of his bestselling book, Playing with Fire, at the Coles bookstore in North Hill Centre this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. METRO CALGARY

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# Liberals sorry for doctored photo

Harper put in famous assassination picture

The federal Liberal party has apologized for posting a doctored photo on its website that depicts Prime Minister Stephen Harper being assassinated.

The photo — in which Harper's face was Photoshopped onto the famous picture of Lee Harvey Oswald being gunned down by Jack Ruby — was re-moved immediately after it began drawing public no-

"It had no business being there," acknowledged Liber al party spokesman Daniel Lauzon.

Another fake photo, depicting Harper with his arm buried to the elbow in the wrong end of a cow, was also removed. Lauzon said the cow picture was meant to poke fun at the carbon emissions produced by bovine flatulence but was removed "due to the possibility of misinterpretation."

The photos had been part of a contest, in which the party invited people to make up humorous pictures portraying the prime minister's reluctance to participate in the Copenhagen climate-change summit.

The photos are "user-generated" and don't necessarily reflect the views of the party, said Lauzon — still, they are supposed to be screened by the party before they're posted.

'We do review them but that one admittedly slipped through the cracks," Lau-





The federal Liberal party has apologized for posting a doctored photo on its website that depicts Prime Minister Stephen Harper as the victim of a famous assassination. Harper's face was Photoshopped onto the famous picture of Jack Ruby gunning down Lee Harvey Oswald.

zon said of the doctored photo of Oswald, who was shot by Ruby on Nov. 24. 1963, two days after Oswald

was arrested for the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

# **News** in brief

FLAG British police arrested three environmental activists who scaled the wall of the Canadian High Commission in London yesterday and cut down the Canadian flag.

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# No clear answers from inquiry into alleged Cornwall pedophile ring

ONTARIO Rumours that swirled for years that children were abused at the hands of a pedophile ring in eastern Ontario were neither put to rest nor given credence vesterday by a \$53-million public inquiry report four years in the making.
The Cornwall inquiry's

official mandate was to examine institutional responses to historical claims of sexual abuse, and the sensational allegation that fuelled it went unresolved in the more than 1,600page report.

Throughout this inquiry I have heard evidence that suggested that there were cases of joint abuse, passing of alleged victims, and possibly passive knowledge of abuse," Commissioner G. Normand Glaude wrote.

"I want to be very clear that I am not going to make a pronouncement on whether a ring existed or not." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Colvin set to rebut Tories' allegations

Diplomat and whistleblower Richard Colvin will break his silence today in a 20-page rebuttal of the federal government's claims it received no "credible allegations" of torture of prisoners handed over to Afghan authorities

until late 2007. Richard
Colvin's letter, to Colvin be submitted to the committee probing the controversy, is certain to increase the pressure on the Conservative government to comply with a Parment to comply with a Parme

liamentary vote ordering it to produce uncensored documents related to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ detainee issue.

It comes after seven Conservative MPs boycotted and forced the cancellation of a special sitting of the committee yesterday.

A source said Colvin, who was a senior official in the Canadian Embassy in Afghanistan in 2006-07, feels it is his "duty to correct the record and provide a complete and detailed record before the committee."

Colvin will address the claims both in testimony and in public statements by three cabinet ministers, three generals and former top civil servants involved in overseeing the mission in Afghanistan that "nobody told us there was a problem, the claim that as soon as the government was informed they fixed the problems, and the claim that there were no credible allegations of the torture of Afghan detainees until late 2007.

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# Climate Vancouver mayor in Denmark



Mayor of Vancouver Gregor Robertson leaves Town Hall Square on a bicycle in Copenhagen yesterday. The largest and most important UN climate change conference is underway in Copenhagen, aiming to secure an agreement on how to protect the world from calamitous global warming.

# Senators change safety legislation

consumers The federal health minister is "outraged" that Liberal senators were able to get their way in changing a bill that would overhaul consumer product safety legislation in Canada.

The Conservative government has been trying to rework the consumer product safety regulatory framework for the past two years, but Liberal senators have been proposing amendments to Bill C-6, also known as the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act.

The senators voted yesterday to accept amendments that would allow companies to have a stronger defence in fighting penalties for violating the rules, make it more difficult to get a warrant to search offices outside manufacturing facilities.

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# **News** in brief

TAXES A Manitoba government report says harmonizing provincial and federal sales taxes would save the province's businesses \$510 million a year, but cost consumers more than \$400 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada not done with H1N1 yet, top doc says

# Flu **Outbreak**

HEALTH Canada's chief public health officer says Canadians shouldn't become complacent about H1N1 influenza, which is unpredictable and could stage a big comeback in the new year.

Dr. David-Butler Jones says Canada is not done yet with H1N1 flu and there could well be a third wave of the pandemic in the coming months. He also warns that the

He also warns that the holiday season is an ideal time for the virus to spread because of people gathering for festivities.

Butler-Jones says the best way to protect oneself from the disease is by getting vaccinated.

About 40 per cent of

Canadians have been inoculated against the virus and the federal government says there is enough vaccine for every Canadian who wants it.

Since the pandemic strain emerged in late April, 102 Canadians have been hospitalized because of H1N1 flu complications and 390 have died of the disease.

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Police charge 18-year-old after stolen Hummer kills man

Winnipeg police have charged an 18-year-old man in a fatal collision involving a stolen Hummer sport utility vehicle. A 47-year-old man died after a speeding vehicle collided with the small car. Police say they expect to make more arrests in the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Yes Men plan to prank oilsands?

# shenanigans, Canada

Or maybe that's all part of the hoax.

It's difficult to know what's real and what's not when it comes to the madcap world of the Yes Men.

The group of pranksters had some people going on Monday with a prank on Canada over its stance on climate change. Now those same trick-

sters are suggesting they'll keep up their antics — and Alberta's tarsands could be their next target.

The New York-based group told a Twitter audience yesterday they pulled their prank to teach people "about Canada's true

The Yes Men's prank began

with a news release bearing

an Environment Canada letter-

head claiming Canada was

dramatically revising its car-

bon emissions targets. It quot-

bility to the developing countries" over climate debt.

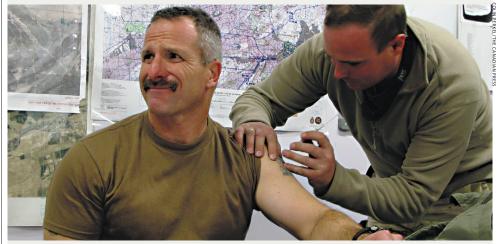
But they conceded their message didn't come across as clearly as they'd hoped — so more pranks could be on the way.

One Twitter user asked, "Why stop now?"

"Who says we're stopping?" the group replied. Their elaborate ruse made headlines around the world.

Past targets of the Yes Men have included U.S. President George W. Bush, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the World Trade Organization and Dow Chem-THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Kandahar Another case of bravery in Afghanistan



Master Warrant Officer George Parrott of Edmonton keeps a brave face as medic Sgt. Ian Mothus, of Prince George, B.C., administers a flu shot in the Canadian command post at an Afghan National Army base in the heart of Kandahar city yesterday.

# Fooled ya – group's fake news releases

later, a second release came out, calling the first a fake and again quoting Prentice. It, too,

• The group issued a third phony news release, this time with a link to video of faux

was a phoney.

She gave a charity movie magic

GIVING Marta McLaughlin has sponsored families in the past through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, but it had long been on her todo list to give her time.

The B.C.-based prop master, who works in the film industry, decided to lend a hand to the charitable program, which provides families in Burnaby, with food certificates and gives hampers to seniors. So McLaughlin infused a

little movie magic of her own in helping to transform a space at a mall, into a festive toyland.

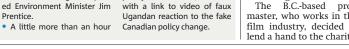
"This is a really hard

time of year I think for a lot of people," she said.

Many charities face increased demand for services and a decline in donations. Statistics Canada says reported charitable donations suffered a 5.3 per cent decline from 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **News** in brief

NR POWER New Brunswick's energy minister says details of the agreement will be made public before NB Power is sold to Hydro-Québec at the end of March. Jack Keir says he's not sure if lawvers will allow the contract to be released before it's signed, but he says he'll make sure the public knows the details. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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# Coke gets no Games kudos

# An advocacy group is taking a poke at Coke.

The Council of Canadians is adding its voice to groups opposed to the Vancouver Olympics — and is especially taking aim at sponsor Coca-Cola.

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The council is distributing signs that attack Coke's environmental record. It accuses the company of polluting water and complaining that Coca-Cola bottles and resells water.

The signs suggest Coke's environmental efforts, such as reducing the amount of plastic in its bottles, amount to "greenwashing."

Bob Ages, a spokesperson for the group, says the real issue is the corporati-

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zation of the Games, and he has problems with other sponsors as well.

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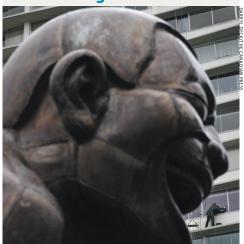
Beyond the sponsors,
Ages also has a laundry
lists of other concerns,
such as how the Olympics
will impact the homeless
and potential limits on
free speech during the
Games.

The Council of Canadi-

The Council of Canadians has said it believes the 2110 Vancouver Games will leave behind a negative legacy, particularly when

it concerns the environment and fiscal accountability. The CANADIAN PRESS

# Vancouver **High drama**



Window washer Brent White, bottom right, is framed by a statue by Chinese artist Yue Minjun as he cleans the windows on an apartment building in Vancouver yesterday.

# Air ambulance shakeup

REVIEW Health officials in Newfoundland and Labrador are reviewing air ambulance services after repeated delays prompted demands for a plane based in Labrador.

Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones presented a petition in the house of assembly yesterday signed by 3,000 people.

It comes after a premature baby died last summer after the mother waited 11 hours in Labrador City for a plane to St. John's.

The signatures were gathered by another mother whose sick son waited hours for a medical flight from Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Jones says an air ambulance based in St. John's was out of commission last summer, leaving one plane in St. Anthony to cover a vast region.

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## **News** in brief

TRAGEDY The deaths of five family members in a murder suicide have prompted police in Victoria, B.C., to form a domestic violence unit. Insp. Clark Russell told a coroner's inquest into the September, 2007. deaths the two-officer

unit will work with counsellors and legal officials. The inquest involved the deaths of a sixyear-old boy, his mother and her parents caused by a man who took his own life after killing his family.

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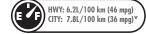
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### Police officers plead not guilty in murder coverup

Three Pennsylvania police officers have pleaded not guilty in connection with an alleged coverup in the fatal beating of a Mexican immigrant.

Two officers face charges including witness tampering and lying to the FBI in the 2008 death of Luis Ramirez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



# Octopus with building skills?

Australian scientists have discovered an octopus in Indonesia that collects coconut shells for shelter — unusually sophisticated behaviour that the researchers believe is the first evidence of tool use in an invertebrate animal. The scientists filmed the octopus selecting halved coconut shells from the sea floor, emptying them out, carrying them under their bodies up to 20 metres, and assembling two shells together to make a spherical hiding spot.

# Attacker apologizes to Berlusconi

ITALY The man who attacked Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi apologized to him for his "superficial, cowardly and uncontrolled" attack as a judge considered whether he should be transferred to a psychiatric hospital.

Massimo Tartaglia, a 42year-old with a history of psychological problems, wrote a letter to Berlusconi through his lawyers, saying he was sorry for his act, the lawyers said in a communique.

Berlusconi, 73, was struck in the face Sunday night as he signed autographs in Milan. Tartaglia hurled a statuette of Milan's Duomo cathedral at the premier, breaking Berlusconi's nose and two teeth and cutting his lips.

# Sexual harassment rampant: Conference

The sexual harassment of women in the streets, schools and work places of the Arab world is driving them to cover up and confine themselves to their homes, said activists at the first-ever regional conference addressing the once taboo topic.

Activists from 17 countries across the region met in Cairo for a two-day conference ending Monday and concluded that harassment was unchecked across the region because laws don't punish it, women don't report it and the authorities ignore it.

With more and more women in schools, the workplace and politics, roles have changed, but often traditional attitudes



In this 2008 file photo, Egyptian Basma Khaled Abdel-Fattah, 18, trains in a self-defence class to protect against sexual harassment north of Cairo. Sexual harassment of women in Arab streets, schools and work places may be driving more and more women to cover up, rights activists say.

have not. As many as 90 per cent of Yemeni women say they have been harassed, while in Egypt, out of a sample of 1,000, 83 per cent reported being verbally or physically abused.

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# Indonesian Obama statue draws ire

JAKARTA A statue of U.S. President Barack Obama as a boy erected in a Jakarta park has been targeted in a Facebook campaign by thousands who say it should be removed.

The Indonesian-language Facebook group named "Take Down the Barack Obama Statue in Taman Menteng Park" had attracted more than 15,000 members by yesterday since the 110-centimetre statue of 10-year-old Obama dressed in shorts and a T-shirt was unveiled in the downtown park last week.

Heru Nugroho, the group's creator, said he would use the support on the popular social networking website to demand that Jakarta Gov. Fauzi Bowo remove the statue.

"Everybody knows that



The statue in Jakarta is meant to capture Obama when he lived in Indonesia as a child.

Obama is a world leader, but he is not our national hero who deserves to be awarded a statue," Nugroho said.

Many Indonesians are proud of the fact that Obama lived in Jakarta from 1967 to 1971.

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Another deadly bombing in Pakistan

A suicide attacker detonated a car bomb in a market in central Pakistan yesterday, killing 33 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Balancing between success and failure'



The success of the UN climate conference hung in the balance yesterday as China and the U.S. deadlocked over whether Beijing will allow the world to check its books and verify promised cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

Princes, presidents and premiers crowded into a vast hall for the formal opening of the largest summit ever held on climate change, but attention was on the leaders of the world's two largest pol-luters — U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao - who plan to arrive for the final days of talks on a

framework to control heattrapping gases.

'In these very hours, we are balancing between success and failure," said conference president Connie Hedegaard of Denmark.

Success is possible, she said, "but I must also warn

you: We can fail - probably without anyone really wanting it so, but because we spent too much time on posturing, on repeating positions, on formalities.

The rest of the 115 leaders were expected to arrive before Friday's summit fim.metrenews.ca



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nale to sign a political outline of a global warming treaty that would set limits on carbon dioxide pollution by the United States, China, India as well as extending emissions targets for the 37 countries regulated under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

"There is no understatement that with your signatures you will write our fu-Britain's ture, Charles told the conference.

Prodipto Ghosh, a member of the Indian delegation, said the negotiations were "not going good" and that fundamental differences between rich and poor nations would be "difficult to bridge" by the end of the week.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was positive about a deal, but expressed frustration with the progress to date.

"I'm afraid that negotiations have been too slow," Ban said. "I think all the countries can and must do THE ASSOCIATED PRESS more."

# **Big footprint**

• If they fail to reach a climate deal in Copenhagen, world leaders flying in their private jets and huddling in five-star hotels will have little to show for their efforts beyond a big, fat carbon footprint. The UN estimates 40,500 tons of carbon dioxide will be pumped into the atmosphere during the 12day conference — 90 per cent of it from flights.

# **Turning cow dung** into electricity

**COPENHAGEN** The United States is counting on cows to help save the planet.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced an agreement with the American dairy industry yesterday to reduce the industry's greenhouse gas emissions 25 per cent by 2020, mostly by convincing farmers to capture the methane from cow manure that otherwise would be released into the atmosphere.

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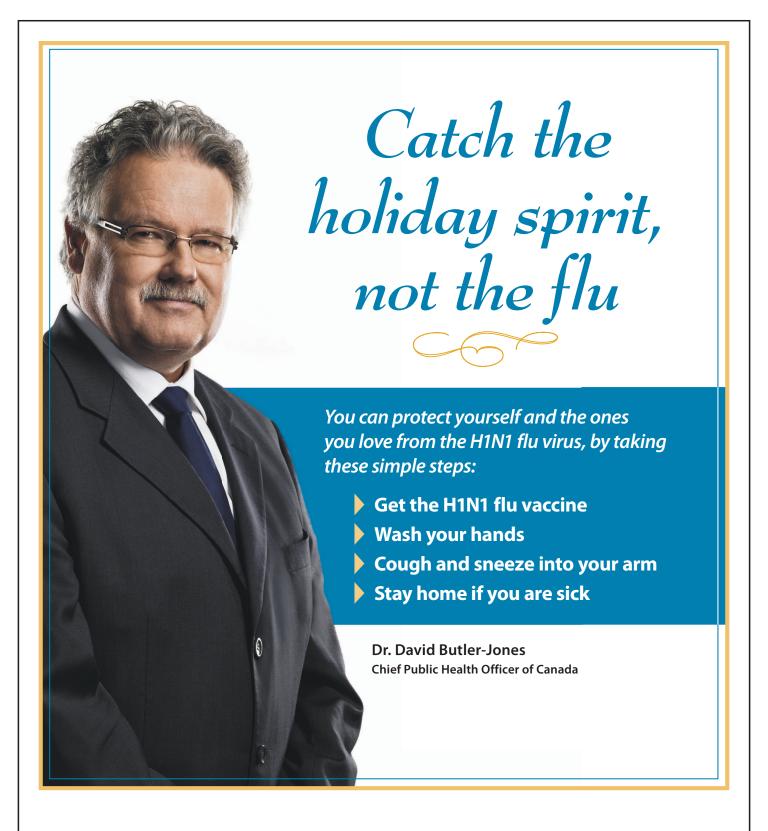








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### Oral Roberts dead at 91

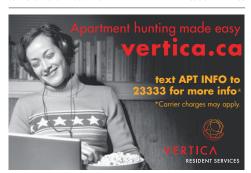
Oral Roberts, a pioneer in televangelism who founded a multimillion-dollar ministry and a university that bears his name, died yesterday at 91. The cause was complications from pneumonia, said his spokesman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **News** in brief

**BLACKMAIL** Prosecutors say a TV producer accused of trying to blackmail David Letterman with knowledge of a sexual affair is engaging in "self-serving spin" by claiming that he was just trying to sell a screenplay to the talk-show host. The

Manhattan district attorney's office urged a judge to reject Robert "Joe" Halderman's argument for tossing out the attempted grand larceny case. which prompted Letterman to reveal affairs with staffers.

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# Smoke and ash Mayon erupts



Lava cascades down the slopes of Mayon, in the Philippines' Albay province. The alert level was raised vesterday on the volcano's eruption, as more than 20,000 people were evacuated.

# Illinois to take Gitmo prisoners

SUPER-JAIL President Barack Obama has ordered the federal government to acquire an underused state prison in rural Illinois to act as the new home for a limited number of terror suspects now held in the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The federal government will acquire Thomson Correctional Center in Thomson, Ill., transforming the sleepy town's prison into a facility that exceeds "supermax standards," according to a letter sent to Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn.

The decision is an important step towards closing Guantanamo Bay. Thomson is expected to house no more than 100 de-tainees from Guantanamo.

Yesterday, Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin and Quinn cast the decision to accept detainees as an act of patriotism, which would have the added benefit of creating jobs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S. open to going green

# Poll finds faith in new economy

Americans believe reducing global warming pollution will help the U.S. economy more than hurt it. It is a sign the public is showing more faith in **President Barack Obama's** economic arguments for limiting heat-trapping gases, and less in Republican claims that such measures would kill jobs.

In an Associated Press-Stanford University poll, 40 per cent said U.S. action to slow global warming in the future would create jobs. Slightly more, 46 per cent, said it would boost the economy.

By contrast, fewer than a third said curbing climate change would hurt the economy and result in fewer jobs, a message Republican members of Congress plan to take to an international global warming conference in Copenhagen this week.

"They're wrong," Ron Classen, who participated in the poll, said of the Republican stance. "People are going to be shifted

from one job to another,' said Classen, a self-described fan of environmentalist Al Gore.

The survey's results seem to boost Democratic efforts to curb climate changing pollution and sign on to an international agreement to reduce heattrapping gases, despite the concerns many Americans have about the recession and the high unemployment rate.

For some, the recession has manifested itself in a nothing-left-to-lose tude when it comes to tackling climate change and sparking a revolution in energy production.

"I don't know if anybody has looked around lately, but the economy is dead," said Jake Berglund, a home improvement contractor.

"We are in a sinking ship, and Obama has bought us enough life rafts to keep on going. But we need to figure out how to build a new boat when we are still on the water."

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### Comment

# **Whining about Grapes**

# Doctor condemns Don Cherry for 'negative influence'



ne of our great Canadian icons is threatened. I'm not talking about the polar bear, although he does kind of look like one.

I'm talking about Don Cherry, who has held down Coach's Corner on Hockey Night In Canada forever.

Grapes is famous for abusing the English language and haberdashery, not necessarily in that order. Each week, he dresses up in some outrageous clown suit and expresses himself in words that can only be described in adjectives that end in "ent," as in "truculent" and "petulant." It's a bad boy act that, apparently, never gets old.

After all, he is No. 7 on CBC's all-time list of Top 10 Canadians. He outpolled Sir John A. Macdonald, the father of our country! He even beat Wayne Gretzky, who really knew how to play hockey, not just growl about it.

Over the years, Grapes has been in trouble for his opinions, which occasionally fall over the line from outrageous to actionable.



ers from northern Ontario or the Prairies. Despite that or more

likely because of his various gaffes, Cherry continues to thrive. But he's back on the hot seat after neurosurgeon Dr. Charles Tator, concerned about the rise of concussions in hockey, recently condemned Cherry for being a "negative influence" because he promotes aggressive hockey.

That's like saying po lar bears eat seals for breakfast. Cherry's Rock'em, Sockem video collection of hockey fights and spectacular bodychecks is all the way up to volume 21. He's the most visible and audible advocate of hockey contact in a country of

bloodthirsty fans. Must be those mind-warpplaid ing

Don Cherry

Even weirder than Cherry's tailor ("Mr. Cherry, chartreuse and Day-Glo orange are definitely your colours!") are the legion of admirers and supporters rushing to his defence.

The producer of Hockey Night In Canada defends his "record of safety and respect in hockey." Various hockey players and pundits have pointed out his criticism of "touch icing" and his campaign to prevent blind hits from behind, both subtle variations on his general approval of hockey mayhem.

Face it, Don Cherry is the poster boy for the thousands of fans who are on their feet whenever a fight breaks out on the ice. He's our token troglodyte, and his popularity says more about us than it does about

Dr. Tator, you might as well try to turn polar bears into vegetarians.

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# HALIFAX

@halifaxhometeam This decade will be remembered for the scandals and 9/11

**@joverm** social media, the internet, barack obama

**@toddns** often the most recent while still in the forefront of peoples minds so I say H1N1 for obvious rea-

**@themuppetsrule** 9/11 has lurked like a dark shadow over the first decade of 2000s. War, terrorism fears, security, unprecedented, re-

# Word on the street: What do you think this decade will be remembered for?

# Michael **Schraefel** Calgary

A: I would have to say the widespread usage and access to the Internet and communication technology. It's bizarre how much it has changed over

# Gillian **Abugov** Calgary

A: I think the acceptance of stigma of terrorism in our pop culture. It's almost become the norm to poke fun at the Middle East in movies. I think it's

### Mike **Derrada** Toronto

A: I guess just the constant changes. Everyone was all about the next best thing. Things were always changing ... Whether it's nology, celebrities ... in with with the old, at a very fast pace.

### Carlyn Matz Ottawa

A: 9-11. It shaped everything happened — the wars, the economy.

## **Daniel** Goodridge Edmonton

A: Social networking.



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Russia penned a deal yesterday to build Vietnam's first nuclear power plant, and the countries' respective oil and gas giants forged a joint venture, reports said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Business

# **Canadian homebuyers** still nervous, poll says

A survey of real estate brokers and agents says Canadian homebuvers are still nervous about the stability of the economy, but few believe home prices are likely to decline again.

The Royal LePage adviser survey found 38 per cent of agents and brokers said instability economic ranked as the No. 1 fear for home owners over the past three months.

Twenty-three per cent of brokers said home buyers fear they may not be able to sell existing homes at the price they are hoping for, while 12 per cent said buyers are hesitant be-cause they think prices haven't hit rock bottom

# **Rising price**

• The national average price of an existing home rose to more than \$337,000, the Canadian Real Estate Association re-

Another 20 per cent of agents and brokers said they are not hearing any concerns from buyers

The survey also found an increasing number of Canadians were buying homes as investment properties with more planning to renovate after they made a purchase.

The online survey questioned 1,225 Royal LePage agents and brokers in November.

"Given the volatility in the real estate markets over the past 18 months, it is not surprising that the state of the economy continues to weigh on the minds of Canadians as they consider buying a home," said Phil Soper, president and chief executive, Royal LePage.

"Our survey shows that consumer confidence is edging towards normal levels. Canadians clearly believe that the worst of the recession is behind them and that the real estate market is on the path to sustainable recov-

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# New vehicle sales increase in October

AUTO New motor vehicle sales increased 3.5 per cent to 133,559 units in October after rising in September.

October's sales were 3.2 per cent lower than October 2008.

Preliminary industry data indicate that the number of new motor vehicles sold decreased seven per cent in November.

A 7.6 per cent gain in sales of North Americanbuilt passenger cars contributed to most of October's increase.

The number of overseasbuilt passenger cars sold increased by 2.3 per cent, more than offsetting the decline in September. Sales of new trucks (which include minivans, sportutility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) rose for a fourth straight month, up 1.6 per THE CANADIAN PRESS



As concern about Dubai begins to fade, worries about the fir health of Greece and Austria provokes fresh anxiety for economists. Scan this barcode for the full story.

# Poland Union gets heated



Polish shipyard workers burn tires and react during a demonstration in Warsaw, Poland, yesterday. Thousands of workers from the Solidarity trade union marched in the Polish capital to demand government protection for industrial jobs. The workers rallied in front of Prime Minister Donald Tusk's office, carrying the white and red flags of the Solidarity trade union.

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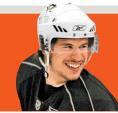




Upper Deck sticking with Woods

Sports card and memorabilia maker Upper Deck Co. said yesterday it will continue its relationship with Tiger Woods. The company, and its Upper Deck Authenticated collectibles division, said the two "look forward to his eventual return to the PGA Tour." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports



# **Crosby wins award**

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby is the winner of the 2009 Lou Marsh Award. The honour — decided by a panel of sports editors, reporters and broadcasters — is given annually to Canada's outstanding athlete by the Toronto Star.

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# Make that another one-goal loss

NHL RESULT

Calgary 3 St. Louis 4



T.J. Oshie scored the go-ahead goal with 4:58 to play, helping the St. Louis Blues beat the Calgary Flames 4-3 last night for only their sixth victory in 18 home games.

David Backes had a goal and assisted on Oshie's sixth goal for the Blues, who beat the NHL's top road team after honouring Brett Hull on his recent Hockey Hall of Fame induction in a pre-game ceremony.

Rene Bourque had a goal and assist for the Flames, who have lost three straight one-goal decisions.



Calgary's Curtis Glencross, right, and St. Louis' Keith Tkachuk watch the loose puck after colliding in front of the net last night.

Calgary is 11-5-3 on the road with an NHL-leading 25 points. All five regulation losses have been by one goal.

Andy McDonald and Alex Steen snapped goal droughts of 14 and 12 games for the Blues, who also got two assists from Brad Boyes.

Oshie scored his second winning goal of the season on a rush, beating backup

goalie Curtis McElhinney. Daymond Langkow's power-play goal early in

the second ended a string of 10 consecutive penalty kills by St. Louis. Calgary took its first lead when Dustin Boyd scored from the slot midway through the period.

But the Blues tied it at 3-3 on Steen's power-play goal at 17:23.

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# Flames' Christmas list filled with many needs



hristmas is right around the corner so it's time to dole out a few gifts to the Calgary Flames. But despite the spirit of the giveaway season, it won't be tolerated on the ice.

**Craig Conroy**: A goal. He hasn't scored since

Miikka Kiprusoff: A gold star. The Finnish stopper has hands-down been Calgary's MVP this season.

Curtis McElhinney: A semi-regular start. Wasn't he supposed to start 15-20 games this season so Kiprusoff could be paced? What's he started, three out of 32?

Jarome Iginla: A first-rate playmaking centre. Now well into the back nine of his career, Iginla would post some fabulous numbers playing with a première pass-first pivot.

Someone like the available Jason Spezza.

able Jason Spezza. **Nigel Dawes:** Daymond Langkow's defensive awareness.

**Rene Bourque:** A threeyear deal worth \$12 million. That's a 300 percent increase over the \$1.35 million he's getting now, but it's well warranted.

In fact, the Flames would

15-20 be the happy recipient of a so Christmas present like aced: that.

Mark Giordano: Time on the first power play unit

Mark Giordano: Time on the first power play unit with Jay Bouwmeester. With it would come instant league-wide respect as a top-flight defenceman.

Jay Bouwmeester: An added sense of urgency. The poise and calmness are nice, but not always ideal when the alarm bells go off

**Dustin Boyd:** Regular duty with scoring wingers to take his game to the next level.

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**David Moss:** See Jay Bouwmeester.

**Dion Phaneuf:** Another half brain when playing in his own end without the puck.

**Curtis Glencross:** A week with Rich and Ron Sutter. The style of play is much the same.

Maybe osmosis from the Sutter twins would add a bit more grit and consistency.

Olli Jokinen: A playmaking winger. All those good years in Florida came averaging more than four shots on goal per game. Now you're not even close to three per game.

three per game.

Cory Sarich: Good health in 2010. The Flames aren't nearly as tough without

you in the lineup.

**Robyn Regehr:** See Craig Conroy.

Actually, it's no biggee you haven't scored in 100-plus games. Balancing off a defensively weak partner is a big enough challenge.

**Eric Nystrom:** Your father Bob's hands.

**Fredrik Sjostrom:** Scoring totals like you used to post at the Saddledome (77 points in 63 games with the Hitmen in 2002-03). OK, we'd be happy with a goal every half dozen games or so.

# The Hockey News Othn.com

# Canada defeats U.S. in exhibition match

womens Hockey Jayna Hefford of Kingston, Ont., scored a pair of goals to pace the Canadian women's hockey team to a 6-2 win over the U.S. in yesterday's exhibition game.

Hefford and linemates Caroline Ouellette of Montreal and Meghan Agosta of Ruthven, Ont., were standouts as the trio combined for three goals in the first two periods.

Ouellette had a fourpoint night with a goal and three assists, while Agosta assisted on two goals.

Marie-Philip Poulin of Beauceville, Que., Gina Kingsbury of Rouyn-Noranda, Que., and Toronto's Cherie Piper contributed for the hosts in front of about 6,500 at Pengrowth Saddledome.

The Americans fell to 0-4 against Canada in a sixgame exhibition series both countries are using as preparation for the Olympics in February.

The series concludes with games Dec. 30 in St. Paul, Minn., and Jan. 1 in Ottawa.

The U.S., is 3-1 versus Canada in tournament play since this September.

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Canada's Matthew Morison won the men's parallel giant slalom title at a snowboard World Cup event. Morison, of Burketon, Ont., edged Austria's Benjamin Karl and France's Mathieu Bozzetto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Colbert lands on cover of Sports Illustrated

Stephen Colbert has joined the legions of athletes and swimsuit models to grace the cover of Sports Illustrat-

**24** sports

The host of The Colbert Report appears on the front of the magazine's latest issue wearing an Olympic speedskating uniform. The issue is devoted to sports media and hits newsstands today.

In November, devoted Colbert fans known as the Colbert Nation became the official primary sponsor of Speedskating. The team's largest annual cash sponsor, DSB Bank NV, left the team in the lurch after it declared bankruptcy in October.

With contributions from fans of the popular mock political pundit, more than \$250,000 US

been raised.

Colbert announced on his TV show earlier this month that he would accept an invitation from the City of Richmond to the attend

2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, but only as a member of the U.S. Olympic

Richmond officials extended an invitation to Col-

bert after he labelled Canadians as "syrup suckers" and "ice-holes" while pick-

ing up on com-plaints that staff have limited access to the Richmond Olympic Oval, and other venues, to international athletes.

In a press release Nov. 17, the City of Richmond offered Colbert a chance to serve as "an official ombudsman

monitor the treatment of Americans during the Games.'

Colbert has Olympics-related material a nearly nightly fixture on his THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Dissecting the deal

# A look at the trade sending Halladay to the Phillies

There are two interesting initial takeaways for Toronto Blue Jays fans to note as the blockbuster Roy Halladay trade inches closer to completion.

One, new general manager Alex Anthopoulos not only preaches creativity in his dealings with other teams, he practises it.

he likes prospects he's getting in return so much that he will reportedly send a whack of money to the Philadelphia Phillies to help get the deal

Neither point will offer much comfort to those worried about the grim reality of a Halladay-less fu-ture in Toronto, but both offer telling glimpses into how Anthopoulos and his new front office handle their business.

First things first, the details, as best they can be worked out with the Blue Jays still deep in blackout mode yesterday:

Halladay and the Phillies agreed to a three-year extension

worth \$60 million US with vesting option for a fourth season at an additional \$20 million, according to multiple reports, appearing to leave physicals as the final step before the deal is completed.

. The Blue Javs are to get three prospects

Kyle Drabek

Philadelphia — right-han-der Kyle Drabek, outfielder Michael Taylor and catcher Travis d'Arnaud once everything is done, they'll flip Taylor to the Oakland Athletics for infielder Brett Wallace, ac-

cording to ESPN.com.

• The Blue Jays will also send about \$6 million to the Phillies to help defray the difference in 2010 salary between Halladay (\$15.75 million) and Lee (\$9 million). That needs approval from commissioner Bud Selig, which usually doesn't take long.

• The Phillies are then to send Lee to the Seattle Mariners

for prospects Phillippe Aumont, a right-hander from Gatineau, Que., Tyson Gillies, an outfielder from Langley, B.C., and Juan Ramirez, a right-handed

Got all that?

It's an epic deal in several ways and it's the creativity displayed by the Blue Jays that helped make it happen.

Anthopoulos has been described by those who have dealt with him as a relentless negotiator — Ricciardi called him The Barracuda - and has shown an innovative streak in some of the contracts he's negotiated, particularly through the unique option system in second baseman Aaron Hill's contract.

Combined with the information-gathering ability of his staff, Anthopoulos was able to mix and match the wants and

needs of various teams until finding the return wanted for Halladay.

"I think Toronto's done well," said Keith Law, the former Blue Iavs executive who is now a scouting analyst for ESPN.com.

"It's not a home run. this isn't a heist, it's a very good return for one year of Halladay." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# **Sports** in brief

SOCCER Manchester United cruised past Wolverhampton 3-0 in Alex Ferguson's 900th league match in charge of the English champions yesterday. Wayne Rooney, Antonio Valencia and Nemanja Vidic scored to ensure United joined league leader Chelsea on 37 points ahead of the latter's match against Portsmouth today.

**HOCKEY** The Ottawa Senators could be without Jason Spezza for a considerable amount of time. The star forward suffered a knee injury in a 3-2 loss to Toronto on Monday. The extent of the injury won't be known until after Spezza undergoes an MRI, but Ottawa's head coach Corv Clouston said it looks "serious."

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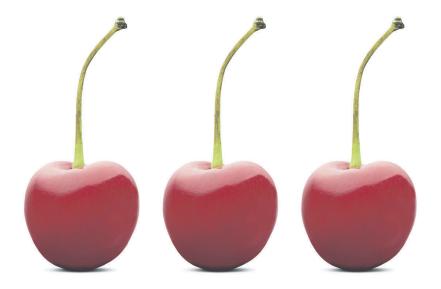
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### SFU breaks ground for Surrey campus expansion

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# Workology

# Jobs top reasons for dropping out

According to a new U.S. survey, 71 per cent of respondents who had dropped out of college said that work was a factor in their decision to quit, and over half said it was a major factor. About 35 per cent of those who quit school said they had tried to balance work and study, and found it too stressful. The survey's results build on a growing body of research showing that part-time students and those who have to work generally fare worse than do their full-time peers.

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# Deck the halls — and the city

From coast to coast, Canadian cities bring the holiday season to life with decorations

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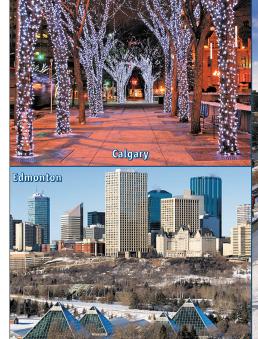
In case you didn't know the holiday season was upon us, the festive decorations throughout your city have probably

reminded you by now. Every year Canadian cities invest in outdoor decorations because making the streets look good is an important part of getting people into the spirit of Christmas.

In Vancouver's miere shopping district of South Granville, 11 blocks of primarily high end home decor boutiques, art galleries and antique stores are being dressed up to the nines with new planters, banners, wreaths and other streetlevel decorations by the district's own Business Improvement Association

Sharon Townsend, a spokesperson for the South Granville BIA, says the upcoming Olympics means this year they're pulling out all the stops for decoration

"Our neighbourhood is undergoing a simply enortransformation. We're pushing the Olympic theme and making sure the streets are



Townsend said.

To encourage individual store owners throughout neighbourhood to tribute to its beautification, the South Granville offers marketing grants to members and

has created a \$320,000 decoration campaign with prizes awarded to the businesses that best decorate their exterior areas. A good-looking neighbourhood is beneficial for all business owners, Townsend says

"We encourage decor outside the box. It's a way to distinguish yourself because what people see out of their car window is what brings them back af-terwards. There's a great opportunity to take pride in what you do as a business owner or as a city itself," Townsend said.

Ottawa

Across the country in downtown Toronto, workers have transformed the space in front of City Hall with lights, wreaths and an enormous, 62-foot high spruce tree city's official Christmas tree for the season.

Neil Weller, 63 and president of Weller Tree services, has provided

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"Our neighbourhood is undergoing a simply enormous transformation. We're pushing the Olympic theme and making sure the streets are festive and clean."

Vancouver

Vancouver's Sharon Townsend

Toronto's official tree for the past 46 years and says responsibility is a great honour.

'We're very proud of it. When everything lights up it's a big bonus for us and it's an honour to be doing it every year," Weller said.

Kevin O'Reilly, 48, is the maintenance foreman from Toronto City Hall in charge of decorating the official tree every year as well as running preparations for Toronto's citywide Cavalcade of Lights celebration. O'Reilly and his team work hard to decorate the tree because the tree is an important symbol of holiday cheer.

'The Christmas tree is the centre of attention -

it's the most important part of the decorations. Everybody works together and there's a passion for it," O'Reilly said.

The team starts around Labour Day, usually about six weeks in advance of the celebration, collecting resources together and sending crews out to beautify the city. The tree itself takes two weeks to decorate. Despite the amount of effort involved, O'Reilly says it's all worth it in the end.

people's "Watching faces light up when the lights come on makes all the work worth the effort. It gets people in the Christmas mood, happy and smiling for the season," O'Reilly said.

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Mercedes-Benz has the most loyal customers in the industry, while Suzuki and Saab trail the list, according to a new survey by J.D. Power and Associates. The study measured the percentage of vehicle owners and lessees who replace a previously-purchased new vehicle with another from the same brand. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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# Made in truck heaven

JIL MCINTOSH for Metro Canada

If you've ever seen desert rallies, where hand-built trucks race across sand dunes and rock crests, you'll appreciate the work that goes into making one of these ultra-tough machines. Now, you can buy a version right off the showroom floor, as Ford introduces the 2010 F-150

SVT Raptor.

It's the first truck produced by Ford's Special Vehicle Team (hence the SVT) since the 2004 Lightning. And while it's naturally going to appeal to a niche market, its design, engineering and tough-buttender nature make it one of the best trucks I've ever driven.

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2010 Ford F-150 SVT Raptor

Type: Pickup truck Price: \$48,299 Engine: 5.4L V8 HP: 320

# Highlights

- Ultra-tough but tender
- Impressive suspension
- Comfortable on city streets

of power and prowess otherwise is to build it yourself.

Only 550 are slated for Canada for 2010, starting at \$48,299. That's a lot of money, but it's impossible to outfit a regular F-150 exactly like it, at any price. More importantly, and very unusually for this much off-road ability, it's also almost ridiculously comfortable on city streets.

You won't have to pay once for a weekend toy, and again for a workday commuter.

It comes only as a Super Cab, with five-foot-five box, and right now with a 5.4-litre V8 with six-speed automatic transmission, producing 320 horsepower.

A 400-horsepower 6.2litre V8 will also be available. Naturally, 4x4 is the only configuration available, and Canadian trucks come complete with a luxury package that's optional for U.S. buyers.

The body is wider than a stock F-150, to accommodate the beefier suspension and Raptor-specific, 35-inch BF Goodrich tires. The fenders are rounded off, and a huge grille carries the brand name across its width. Inside, there are SVT-specific gauges, wheel



Inside, this special Ford F-150 features SVT-specific gauges, wheel and trim.

and trim.

But the Raptor's heart is in its suspension. Racing shock manufacturer Fox Engineering created a new, rebuildable triple-bypass shock that, unlike most of Fox's products, you can only buy when the rest of the Raptor is attached. Ford says it's the first time any production truck has used anything like it.

It stiffens as it compresses, becoming four times harder at the end of the stroke. The shocks let me take it over a series of desert crests at 65 km/h, as easily as tackling a speed bump at the mall, but turned pliable enough for an asphalt ride that's more comfortable than the regular F-150's performance.

So does any of this make sense at a time when hybrids are hot, and compacts are king?

Well, no matter what fuel prices do, trucks are a necessity for some and a hobby for others, and if Go RVing can run TV ads extolling the virtues of driving a house across the country, the off-road crowd should have its fix, too.

They simply can't do much better than with this newest Ford, which will turn heads on the tarmac as easily as it will on the trail.



2010 Subaru Legacy

# Top safety score for '10 Legacy

RATING The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has given the all-new 2010 Subaru Legacy its highest score — five stars — in every category for protecting occupants: driver and front passenger in frontal crash testing, front and rear passenger in side crash testing, and rollover protection in the four-wheel-drive category.

NHTSA's New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) rates vehicles of all makes and models to determine their crash and rollover safety. Ratings are created from data collected during controlled crash and rollover tests. Only vehicles with the highest ratings receive five stars. Subaru's Ring-Shaped

Subaru's King-Shaped Reinforcement Frame safety structure forms the foundation for crash protection and occupant safety in the new-generation 2010 Legacy.

The structure design incorporates front and rear crumple zones to absorb the energy of an impact and help protect the passenger compartment. It forms a series of "rings" around the passenger compartment, providing protection in a variety of collision types.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Civic, Escalade among top stolen vehicles

The Honda Civic has again wheeled into the top spot on a list of most frequently stolen vehicles, but the number of high-end models being snatched is a sign of growing appetite among auto thieves for luxury rides, according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Rick Dubin, the bureau's vice-president of investigations, says they've seen the two-door, sport-injection racing 2000 Civic atop the list before. The 1999 model of the vehicle came in third this year.

# **Thefts in Canada**

 According to Statistics Canada, more than 125,000 vehicles were stolen in Canada last year, a 15 per cent drop from 2007.

"There's lots of them on the road, probably a demand for parts," he said of the vehicle. "Also they can be modified, which we've seen, so they've been souped up, and these vehicles are very sporty, so they're a desired type of vehicle."

But Dubin said the real concern on the list relates to the proliferation of luxury vehicles. The 2006 Hummer H2 four-door and four different four-door makes of the Cadillac Escalade are in the top 10.

Dubin said they're seeing "an awful lot" of high-end vehicles being seized at ports in Montreal and Halifax.

He said such thefts signal the involvement of organized crime. The stolen vehicles yield two to three times their value when sold in places like Ghana, Jamaica, Nigeria, Dubai, Lebanon, throughout the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

This year, the Insurance Bureau of Canada teamed up with law enforcement in ports of Montreal and Halifax and seized 372 vehicles worth in excess of \$11 million.

But Dubin said that's only "the tip of the iceberg," considering 30,000 highend stolen vehicles with an average value of \$40,000



The 2010 Honda Civic.

apiece are exported out of Canadian ports annually. "What we are pulling off

"What we are pulling off at the ports are these kinds of vehicles — Range Rovers, late model Escalades, BMW X5 and 6s, the Highlanders and the list just goes on and on," he said. "That's what they're exporting: the highend, very popular SUVs."

However, Dubin said electronic immobilizers have made a big difference in making it harder to steal cars. THE CANADIAN PRESS 28 metro drive

### Flex called future collector car

The Ford Flex has been named the most likely vehicle of 2009 to be desired by future collectors by the Friends of the National Automotive History Collection (NAHC) in Detroit. Previous winners include the 2008 Dodge Challenger and 2007 Dodge Viper SRT10. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

# '09's Top 10? Make that 11



es Virginia, this is another year-end topten list.

Maybe you and Virginia are thinking, "enough already."

I feel your pain, but we must do this. If we don't, it will contravene that law of the universe, which states that if you don't get all those top ten lists in by the end of any year, the next one won't start properly.

So here we go with our totally subjective picks for the best vehicular moves in calendar year 2009.

Lots of good stuff at the small end of the market this year (Mazda3, Kia Soul, Honda Insight), but for me, the Nissan Cube, stood out

like a psychedelic Maytag. Very fun. Very useful.

If we move up the food chain just a bit, you have to tip your hat to the new **VW Golf**, the recently knighted "World Car of the Year." Our favourite Golf variant is the TDI Wagon.

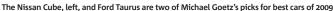
BMW X6 M — you are a totally outrageous and unnecessary SUV, trying to seduce good citizens away more responsible transportation, so you can just ... give me a call sometime.

GM might have blown the timing of the Chevrolet Camaro debut, but not the car. For boomers so inclined, the car is right on the muscle-car money.

Swinging back to the practical again, we really like the new Subaru

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boxier engine, all-wheeldrive, and just-right-sizing for a family of four.

Something more first classy? We're smitten with the new Mercedes-Benz E Class sedan. It's got spacestation levels of computerization and innovation, but also manages to retain its persona as a fine, traditional European motorcar.

goodness truck, and the all-new Dodge Ram Heavy **Duty** is, as advertised, heavy duty to the max. Equipped with the Cummings diesel engine, it can pull a bungalow off its foundations, and then show off some more, by dragging it around the block a few times.

It's not really ready for

it makes the case that EVs don't have to look like, or perform like, re-worked golf carts. To these eyes the new Ford Taurus is a little too big, but we like almost everything else about it, especially as it signals a return of a cer-

year, 500 all-electric Mini E

drivers in several U.S. cities. We like how it's do-

ing a lot of heavy lifting in

the real-world testing of "plug ins" and their infra-

structure issues, and how

units were leased out to

We wanted to end our list with something exotic, but couldn't decide

class.

tain Americana es-

thetic and presence in the full-size car

between the Aston Martin One-77 and the Ferrari California.

The Aston costs about \$1.7 million, makes 700plus horses, and only 77 will ever be built. Who can argue with number like that? Even so, the California is so tempting with it's front midship V8 engine, retro convertible profile, relative value (about \$200 grand), and huge performance capabilities.

So we didn't decide and gave thumbs up to both of them.

Yes Virginia, this top ten list goes to eleven. Get over

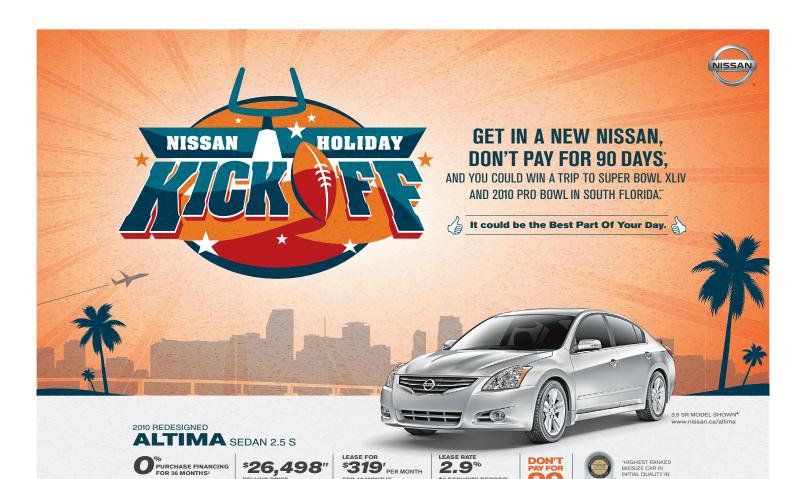
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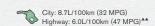


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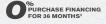


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### Miami hotel quests moved after quest dies

About 300 guests have been relocated from a luxury Miami hotel after one former guest died and at least two others have become sick since Oct. from Legionnaires' disease. Health officials say the guests at the EPIC Hotel were moved to prevent potential contact with the waterborne bacterial disease. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Handcrafted carousel rides into B.C.

A new carousel has opened at the Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island and it's all lit up for Christmas. The Rose Carousel, crafted by Brass Ring Entertainment of Sun Valley, Calif., is the only carousel on Vancouver Island. The 30 animal rides vere handcarved from basswood and include bears, horses, ostriches and zebras. The carousel also includes two chariots. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Winter fairy tale getaways

Destinations to keep you busy all over the Christmas break



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# Fancy a bit of pre-Christmas sparkle to get you in the mood for the festive season?

Metro picks out five top destinations which really shine in winter.

Most destinations are at their most charming and beautiful during the winter months, so it's recommended you plan to go soon. Cozy cafes, stunning Christmas markets and snow-studded scenes are what make each individual destination so special.

Aim to visit between now and February, when you can really make the most of the festive and magical vibe that veloped each city during the months of winter.

# ZADAR, CROATIA Sound of the Sea

Nestled on the Northern Dalmatian coast, Zadar feels somehow isolated from the rest of Croatia. It is rich in history; the city gates date back to the Renaissance and are guarded The days may be short in Finnish Lapland but the fun certainly isn't. From snowmobiling to tobogganing, winter games are plentiful. by a ferocious looking Venetian lion.

And for full-on spookiness listen to the sounds of the Sea Organ on the front.

Built by architect Nikola Bašic, the organ plays random notes as the seawater crashes into the pipes. **BRUGES, BRUSSELS** 

# **Medieval Magic**

Medieval, sensual, magical and gothic ... Bruges is the most extraordinary, ordinary place.

Serving as a cultural bridge between North and South Europe throughout the 14th and 15th century, daily life has become rather sleepy since it end-

But, under the dormant surface lies an eclectic culture shaped by centuries of battle and hardships.

Meander around the streets by horse drawn carriage or stop off at Café Vlissinghe (cafevlissinghe.be) the oldest Cafe in Bruges for traditional Belgian beer.

### **VIENNA, AUSTRIA** Opera, cafes and Christmas

Vienna embraces the festive period like few other cities

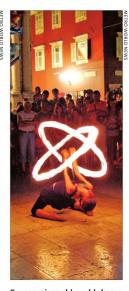
The joje de vivre (possibly helped along by the delicious gluhwien sold on the streets) is contagious and the café culture reflects this; Café Drechsler (cafedrechsler.at) serves delicious brioche and scrambled eggs. The city is also a musical hub, The Staatsoper Opera (Opernring 2) once the local hangout of Mozart and Beethoven some spectacular shows

### FINNISH LAPLAND, FINLAND

# Toboggan time

With a white Christmas guaranteed Finnish Lapland is the ultimate winter

wonderland. The days may be ridiculously short, but that's the least of your worries when you're too busy having fun snowmo-biling, tobogganing or husky-sledding (most are floodlit when the sun goes down... just after breakfast). Stay in the village of Saariselkä; the indigenous Sámi people are amazing hosts and have plenty of fascinating winter tales to tell to brighten up the long



Bruges mixes old world charm with a new world eclecticness



Cafes are many on our list

### nights. LES CERNIERS, SWITZERLAND **An Eskimo Experience**

A holiday without run-ning water or electricity may not sound like the most enchanting experience. But a stay at Whitepod (whitepod.com), a mountainside chalet east of Lake Geneva, may change your mind. You'll feel a bit like an Eskimo once settled in your igloolike tent but there are plenty of sheepskin rugs, hot water bottles and wood burners to keep you warm. Climbing mountains in the snow may leave you feeling cramped and sore, thankfully you can indulge in a Thai foot massage in the central chalet's Spa and 30 minutes away are the hot thermal springs of Lavey Les







Head to Le Cerniers to dive into an electricity free holiday.

# German markets light up the holiday

Germany is marked not just by a rush of shopping, but also by the nation's many convivial Christmas markets.

While the most renowned are the massive markets in Dresden and Nuremberg, many find the season is best celebrated at the dozens of smaller markets across the nation, like the one in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Here, locals and visitors alike pack the central Reiterlesmarkt square to enjoy the intimate nature of the quaint town.

Surrounded by medieval walls that date back to the 12th century, Rothenburg is also home to Kaethe Wohlfahrt, makers of ornaments and wooden carvings that are popular yearround with tourists, but that really grab attention in the Christmas season.

A couple of hours southwest of Rothenburg, visitors to Esslingen have the choice of visiting either a modern or a medieval Christmas market which takes all the fantasy of medieval dress, customs, traditions and food and places it in a market atmosphere.

Steffi Fasora, dressed in a long, blue robe, invited children to play a game with a live mouse that is set down in the middle of a ring of wooden boxes, each of which is claimed by a

The rodent, dubbed a



The Erfurt Christmas Market is the most popular in Germany.

Frankfurt International Airport is in central Germany, and Germany's railway system connects to all of these cities. Railway fares are quite reasonable, and the main train station in each of the four cities is within walking distance of

"magical mouse from India," ducks into one of the boxes, making that child

Bringing joy into Ger-

many is what Christmas markets are all about, said Fasora, who works at medieval markets across the

Decembers are dark and gloomy, "and people are usually sitting in the house and being depressed," she

"That is why we set up a Christmas market - to bring the people out here, to have fun, to meet each other, to spend their money of course. This is what it's all about.

A couple of stalls down, bakers baked bread sticks in a wood-burning oven. A A child looks into a kiosk with traditional Thuringian handcrafts and sweets

bagpiper in a long brown robe strolled around and children made their own hand-dipped candles.

Just an hour northwest Esslingen by train, the Heidelberg market is set up in several spots along the city's 1.6 km-long pedestrian street through the heart of the old city.

At the far end, skaters glide on a rink below the ruins of the city's famous castle, built in the 1200s.

Handcrafts are among the most popular items sold at the markets, including wooden bowls, nativity figurines, ornaments and beeswax candles.

In Konstanz, on the Swiss border, the twin-kling lights of the Christmarket through the heart of downtown to the shores of Lake Constance, where a Christmas Boat floated with handcrafted items for sale. Regional fish were stuffed into rolls completes the experience of old world

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A ferris wheel stands in the heart of Erfurt, central Germany



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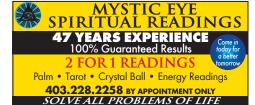
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# Globes set for takeoff

Films from Canadian directors Jason Reitman and James Cameron were among those leading the Golden Globe contenders yestedau, with Reitman's recession-era tale Up In The Air and Cameron's scifi epic Avatar both racking up nods in key categories.

Up In The Air leads the pack overall with six nominations, among them best drama and acting honours for George Clooney, Vera Farmiga and Kendrick, and nods for directing and writing for the Montreal-born Reitman.

"I can't put into words how exciting it is to feel and to know that I'll be going to the Golden Globes with everyone I worked with on this film," Reitman said. "This was one of those ensembles that we really enjoyed working together. We're a tight-knit family. The idea that we're going together is just wonderful."

Avatar scored four, including best drama and director for the blockbuster filmmaker Cameron, origi-nally from the mining town of Kapuskasing, Ont.

The directing category pits him against ex-wife Kathryn Bigelow for the Iraq War tale The Hurt Locker, also up for best drama. Other directing nominees were Clint Eastwood for the South African rugby drama Invictus and Quentin Tarantino for his Second World War rewrite Inglourious Basterds.

Inglourious Basterds also landed a best drama nod, as did the Harlem drama Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire.

The musical Nine ran second with five nominations, including best musi-cal or comedy and acting slots for Daniel Day-Lewis,





TV series Mad Men, left, and director Jason Reitman, above, are among the nominees.

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### **The Nominees**

Picture, Drama: Avatar, The Hurt Locker, Inglourious Basterds, Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire, Up in the Air. Picture, Musical or Comedy:

Penelope Cruz and Marion Cotillard.

Up against it for best musical or comedy are the romance (500) Days of Summer, the bachelorparty bash The Hangover and two Meryl Streep films, It's Complicated and Julie&Julia.

Up in the Air generally been considered a comedy, but its inclusion in the drama category could give it more weight as a potential favourite for the Academy Awards, where dramatic films tend to dominate.

It's a third-time triumph

(500) Days of Summer, The Hangover, It's Complicated, Julie&Julia, Nine.

Director: Kathryn Bigelow, Hurt Locker; James

for Reitman, the 32-year-

old son of legendary Canadian director Ivan Reitman (Stripes, Ghostbusters). His previous two films both scored nominations

at the Golden Globes as well, with the 2007 teen pregnancy comedy Juno, earning a best comedy nod. Reitman's first film was the acclaimed Thank You for Smoking in 2005, which racked up two Golden Globe nominations.

Playing a frequent-flyer junkie in Up in the Air, Clooney competes for best dramatic actor with Jeff Bridges as a boozy

Cameron, Avatar; Clint Eastwood. Invictus: Jason Reitman. Up in the Air; Quentin Tarantino, Inglourious Basterds.

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country singer in Crazy Heart, Colin Firth as a grieving gay academic in A Single Man, Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela in Invictus and Tobey Maguire as a prisoner of

war in Brothers. In TV categories, nominations for drama series went to HBO's Big Love, Showtime's Dexter, Fox's House, AMC's Mad Men and HBO's True Blood. Musical or comedy series bids went to NBC's 30 Rock, HBO's Entourage, Fox's Glee, ABC's Modern Family and NBC's The Office.

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# Cool, then not

With more fads than folks at an American Idol audition, the past decade has been a difficult time to culturally define. One day, everyone was updating their MySpace profiles while sporting Ugg boots and sipping cosmopolitans. The next, they were creating Facebook pages while donning Ed Hardy T-shirts and downing energy drinks.

Superheroes, disaster movies, reality TV, professional wrestling and a boy wizard named Harry Potter weathered the decade's ever-changing pop culture storm while others rode the aughts like a roller coaster. Britney Spears was in, then out, then in again, advantageously morphing herself from teen queen to train wreck to pop diva within the 10-year span.

Others returned from yesteryear — or space, as in the case of the reinvigorated Star Wars and Star Trek franchises — to reclaim their pop culture glory. Not every entertainment hallmark was so successful in overcoming revolving taste buds. Here are 10 things that were obso-hot at the beginning of the 2000s that turned totally cold by the bitter end:

"WASSUP?" Those once funny Budweiser beer commercials had the nation growling "wassup?" after the campaign debuted at the end of 1999. The wacky greeting went on to face a barrage of parodies in the new millennium. The original "wassup?" dudes reteamed in 2008 for a viral video marking President Barack Obama's win before quickly fading back into obscurity.

NAPSTER. The free file-sharing service was the "it" way to grab digital tunes at the dawn of the 21st century. Created by 19-year-old Shawn Fanning, the program ignited a legal brouhaha with the recording industry. By the time Napster transformed into a subscription service, listeners had moved on to iTunes. Today, Napster is owned by Best Buy.

When gas was still below \$2 US a gallon, supersized rides enjoyed a passionate following among musicians, professional athletes and other celebrities who needed big cars to accommodate their big egos. As the green movement grew throughout the '00s, many stars traded in their gas



Kids went crazy for anything Pokémon ... cards, toys, backpacks.



Mel Gibson's mugshot from his 2006 arrest for DUI

guzzling luxury SUVs for sleek eco-friendly hybrids.

WHO WANTS TO MARRY A
MULTI-MILLIONAIRE? Fifty
Women vied to be the
bride of mystery man Rick
Rockwell, who picked
nurse Darva Conger to wed
in an impromptu 2000 ceremony that drew over 20
million viewers. The pair
later annulled the marriage, and Fox opted
against future installments. Viewers everywhere felt guilty for watching the sleazy TV spectacle.

MEL GIBSON. The suave actor-director was riding high at the beginning of the aughts with The Patriot, What Women Want and The Passion of the Christ, but what he will likely be remembered most for this decade is his infamous slur-filled 2006 drunken driving arrest. After completing his three-year probation, Gibson's conviction was expunged in 2009.

MAGAZINES. Long before the world was bookmarking blogs and social networking sites, glossy magazines were the pre-eminent place to learn about timely trends. The medium suffered as more folks went online and the economy went south. The end of the decade saw the demise of publications including Gourmet, Cosmo-

Girl, Jane, Blender, Giant, Cookie and PC Magazine.

NINTENDO GAMECUBE. In 2001, five years before Nintendo revolutionized gaming with the Wii, the Mario Bros. mastermind plopped down the GameCube, the Wii's itty-bitty precursor featuring a clunky controller. The console's robust graphics initially piqued players' interest, but the GameCube could not overcome Sony's mega-popular PlayStation 2 system.

OLD NAVY PERFORMANCE FLEECE. Complete with its own catchy jingle ("Old Navy! Old Navy! Performance fleece!"), it was the must-have affordable accessory. Now, no one would be caught dead in a "tech vest." And the retailer's celebrity commercial cameos — hey, look, it's Morgan Fairchild and Sherman Hemsley! — have been replaced by talking mannequins.

POKÉMON. The "pocket monster" franchise was a full-blown craze with kids at the start of the '00s, having already spawned several movies, TV series, video games and toys. Love for Pikachu waned, though, as tots turned into teens. Pokémon 4Ever, the third Pokémon film, flopped at the box office and subsequent sequels went direct to DVD in the U.S.

NSYNC. The boy band jump-started the '00s with the album No Strings Attached, which continues to hold the record for biggest first-week CD sales at 2.4 million. Another album and a few tours later, the quintet quietly disbanded. They spent the rest of the aughts pursuing solo careers while simultaneously addressing reunion rumours. Maybe next decade? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Good call

Notorious serial dater John Mayer is taking a break from dating. "Yeah, I'm a little freaked out about dating," he tells Ellen DeGeneres on an episode of her talk show airing yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES





# Franklin, **Morrison to** play jazz fest

**MUSIC** Van the Man and The Oueen of Soul are headlining next year's New Orleans

Iazz and



Heritage Festival.

Joining Van Morrison and Aretha Franklin will be Pearl Jam, making its inaugural appearance at the fest, as well as Lionel Richie and actor Steve Martin, a Grammy nominee who plays banjo in his bluegrass outfit the Steep Canyon Rangers. Darius Rucker, former Hootie and the Blowfish front man-turned-country award-winning singer, is also slated to appear.

Marking its 41st year, the festival is scheduled for the weekends of April 23-25 and April 29-May 2 and features hundreds of acts in genres ranging from pop, rock and gospel to R&B, jazz and

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# Wacky, tacky moments from '09

If only there were more Kanye Wests in the world. No wait — lemme finish!!

Yes, West proved he was a complete jerk when he jumped onstage and interrupted Taylor Swift's glory moment at the MTV Video Music Awards. It was a moment audiences live to see.

But what if West could have interrupted those other moments we didn't want to see?

Then we wouldn't be nursing scarred brains caused by 2009's worst moments, such as: A smiling Ioe Jackson hawking his record label for cameras a few days after his son Michael's death; octo-dad Jon Goesslin's creepy transformation from henpecked husband to sleazy bachelor; any of Chris Brown's halfhearted apologies; Tiger Woods' transgressions of the heart.

A few samplings of more Wacky & Tacky moments of the past year:

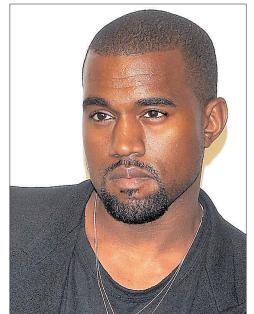
TIGER'S SWING: Did you ever think we'd be handicapping Tiger's mistresses instead of his golf game?

Sports' ultimate boy scout became the tabloid gift that kept on giving when a bizarre car accident outside his home started a chain that revealed he had more side dishes than an all-you-can-eat From porn stars to waitresses, the married fatherof-two showed that his conquests included more than the world of golf.

THIS IS WHY THEY INVENTED THE TERM "NO COMMENT": Let's be honest — when you expect sage social and political commentary from a beauty contestant, you've got a problem (see Sarah

But it's bizarre that Carrie Prejean's anti-gay marriage stance at a Miss USA pageant seemed to set off more fury than when the same sentiments were ut-tered by any of the nation's elected officials (including our president).

Still, it's hard to feel sorry for Preiean, who latched on to the family values contingent, but then it was revealed that she had breast implants, nude pho-



Kanye West was among some of the celebrities who delivered the wacky and tacky moments of 2009.

tos and a solo sex tape. The only thing she was-

one of Tiger's mistresses. But give it time: The list is n't accused of being was still growing.

"Sports' ultimate boy scout (Tiger Woods) became the tabloid gift that kept on aivina when a bizarre car accident outside his home started a chain that revealed he had more side dishes than an allyou-can-eat buffet."

MAYBE CHINA WAS RIGHT: Sure, a one-child policy might seem a little extreme, but after watching the questionable to downright scary parenting skills of Nadya Suleman and Jon and Kate Gosselin, maybe the United States needs to follow China's lead.

All three used celebrity of their multiplebirth children to stay in the limelight. But karma will soon catch up form of multiple teenagers.

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# Rock hall takes a chance on ABBA, Genesis, Cliff

The 1970s Swedish pop group ABBA is dancing its way into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, along with Genesis, Jimmy Cliff, The Hollies and The Stooges.

The list of the next class of inductees was released Tuesday by the hall, which is based in Cleveland.

ABBA - whose hits included Dancing Queen and the Stooges made it in this time after being nominated previously but then not making the cut.

The rock hall also has announced that an award for non-performers will go to music industry executive David Geffen, the songwriting teams of and Cynthia Weil and Ellie Greenwich and



Iggy Pop of The Stooges

Jeff Barry, and individual songwriters Jesse Stone, Mort Shuman and Otis Blackwell.

The 25th annual induction ceremony is scheduled for March 15 in New

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# Polanski film to premiere in Berlin

MOVIES Roman Polanski's latest movie, The Ghost Writer, will have its world premiere at the Berlin film festival in February, organizers said yesterday.

Polanski's movie was among a first batch of entries in the festival's main program that was announced yesterday among them a premiere of Martin Scorsese's Shutter Island. The event is the first of the year's major European film festivals and runs from Feb. 11-21.

It is Polanski's first film since 2005's Oliver Twist.

The director is currently under house arrest in Switzerland, where he awaits possible extradition to the U.S. on a charge of sexual misconduct.

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December 16, 2009

To: The Citizens of Calgary

Since 1929, the Calgary Zoo has been privileged to count on the strong support of Calgarians. That support has enabled our zoo to grow from humble beginnings to a world-class institution that is recognized both nationally and internationally for its contributions to conservation, education and research.

Over the past year or more, many of you will have seen and heard criticism that may have raised questions in your minds about the quality of care we provide to the animals under our stewardship.

As a doctor of veterinary medicine, I want to assure you that the health and well-being of every animal at the zoo is of paramount importance to me and to the dedicated employees who work at this institution.

Much of the criticism we have faced has come from unqualified people and organizations who have attempted to turn a series of unrelated incidents into a pattern designed to have you believe something is "wrong" at the Calgary Zoo. We are all saddened when an animal dies, but to claim — as some of our critics have — that death from natural causes, such as a viral infection or cancer, can be attributed to improper care is simply irresponsible and unfair.



Have mistakes been made? Yes. As in any endeavour involving humans, there is always the risk of error, all the more so in a complex science such as caring for exotic, non-domestic animals. But the important thing is to learn from our mistakes. Where we have been at fault, we have been transparent and willing to acknowledge our errors. I am determined that this will continue.

At the same time, the knowledge we have gained from our experiences has been invaluable in our ongoing efforts to help both the animals in our care and those in the wild — some of which depend on breeding programs in zoos for their very survival.

I am proud to lead such a prestigious organization, but even a world-class zoo like ours can be improved. We are constantly looking for ways to provide better care to our animals, and ideas and suggestions from people who have relevant knowledge, skills and experience are always welcome.

It is primarily for this reason we have engaged the governing bodies of accredited zoos and aquariums in North America to conduct a comprehensive review of all aspects of animal care at the Calgary Zoo. This will include staff recruitment, qualifications, training, veterinary care, policies, procedures and any other facet of our operation the review panel considers relevant.

Calgarians are entitled to facts — not more unfounded accusations from self-proclaimed experts — to judge whether your zoo is doing a good job. The review will provide those facts and assist us in setting new standards of care for the animals we all respect and cherish.

I hope that once these facts are known, the people who have generously supported us over the years will continue to do so, and will have even more reason to be proud of what they have created — one of the finest zoos on this continent.

Thank you.

Dr. Clément Lanthier, DVM, MBA



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Kate Moss is moving to Paris. The supermodel has put down a deposit on a \$35 million apartment in the French capital and is planning to move there in the spring with her daughter Lila. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

### **Entertainment** in brief

**AUCTION** An unusual piece of Charles Dickens memorabilia is being auctioned in New York City: his ivory and gold toothpick. It's up for sale Tuesday at

Bonhams New York. The presale estimate is \$3,000 US to \$5,000 US. The toothpick is engraved with the author's initials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Hollywood's famed P.I.

# A historic look at pop culture's fascination with Sherlock

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

Very soon, one of the most iconic figures in popular culture will be making his latest global appearance on Christmas Day. And contrary to what you may be thinking, I'm not talking about Santa Claus.

When Sherlock Holmes hits theatres on Dec. 25, it'll mark over a Century's worth of cinema starring fiction's most famous detective. But while the fictional British bloodhound tries to upstage St. Nick on Christmas Day, his celluloid appearance is certainly not unfamiliar.

Ever since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's investiga-Sherlock prized tor made his on-**Holmes opens** screen debut in in theatres 1900 with a onereeler called Sher-Dec. 25 lock Holmes Baffled, Hollywood has been smitten with the gumshoe. Since, Holmes has made more than 200



Jude Law, left, and Robert Downey Jr., star in the newest big screen version of Sherlock Holmes

film and TV appearances and been portrayed by such thespians as Basil Rathbone. Michael Charlton Heston and Canada's own Christopher

So, what's made Holmes perhaps Hollywood's most popular private eye? Well, according to

Plummer.

a leading member of a Calgary-based appreciation group called The Singular Society of the Baker Street Dozen, it's elementary, dear

"First off is the love affair that the screen has with the mystery genre," said Charles Prepolec. "When you boil it all down, people are a curious lot and enjoy seeing a secret revealed or a

mystery unraveled.'

Of course, the mystery vet to be revealed is whether the latest modern twist on Holmes will live up to hardcore fans' high expectations.
"I've been very skeptical

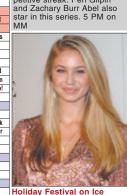
about the casting of Robert Downey Jr," admitted Prepolec. "You might say I'm in the cautiously optimistic camp although some members of (our group) are perhaps somewhat less guine about the film. We'll see soon enough!'

Indeed we will. In the meantime, for fresh enthusiasts who want to investigate Holmes' Hollywood history, here's a list of three versions of Sherlock to get your Wats' on:

1) The Sherlock Holmes Collection - Just released to DVD, this celebrated BBC series from the 1960s starred Peter Cushing as the leg-

endary sleuth.
2) The Hound of the Baskervilles (1939) - Basil Rathbone played Holmes in 14 films but many critics say this early classic was the portrayal that shaped the rest.

Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) – Ever wonder how Holmes handled puberty? This family flick by director Barry Levinson (Rain Man) explored the pipe-smoking private eye as a pimply-faced teenager.



Holiday Festival on Ice The Canadian Tenors and Andrea Menard lend their voices to this year's edition of the skating special. Taped in Abbotsford, B.C., it includes performances by Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, Steven Cousins, Jeffrey Buttle, Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon, and Kurt Browning. who skates to a holiday medley created by John Sheard, a musician friend. 9 PM on









# Adam Lambert is just being himself

RELAX, ALREADY Shocked over Adam Lambert's recent performance antics? Don't be, says American Idol winner Kris Allen, because there is more to come, people com reports.

"Yeah, that's who he is," Allen saya. "Obviously, he couldn't do that stuff on Idol. And so you're getting to see the real Adam now."

Lambert caused an uproar for his sexually charged performance on the American Music Awards last month.

""I thought it was Adam being Adam," Allen said of Lambert's AMA performance. "I'm going

rmance. "I'm going to get a shirt that



# Lindsay Lohan's dad arrested

NATURE OR NURTURE? BOTH

Repeat offender Michael
Lohan was arrested earlier
this week after violating a
restraining order taken
out by ex-girlfriend Erin
Muller, according to TMZ.
Michael Lohan was
charged with criminal
contempt of court by violating an order restricting
him from "try-

ing to communicate by phone."

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# Rihanna is moving on

stay strong, carry on By continuing to speak out about Chris Brown's violent Feb. 8 attack, Rihanna says she is slowly moving past the ugly incident, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's relieving," the singer, 21, says in the January issue of GQ. "Because it was built up for so long, and all these thoughts and emotions have been running through my mind for the past eight months. And now it's like I finally get to let go and move on."

Although she says doesn't like "talking about it" a lot, "every time I do, it's better; it's easier each time."

She says she finally decided to speak out about the incident because, "I wanted to move on. And I knew that was the only way I could have done it. And I wanted people to move on with me. 'Cause the last big thing they know about me is

know about me is "that night". And I don't want that to be what people define me as."

"I didn't really

want to be around

anybody, for them to stare at me and stuff, and feel sorry for me.

So I just — I stayed in the house a lot. Then I started to get cabin fever. I was like, I'm going crazy in here," says the singer, who just dropped her latest album, Rated R.

Looking back, Rihanna says the biggest lesson she learned is that "love is blind."

"The bruises fade away," she says. "But the thing that stays with you is the emotional scars."

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# Chris Brown flies the Twitter coup

NO MORE TWEETS Just days after using Twitter to blast Walmart and other retailers for apparently refusing to carry his new album, Chris Brown has cancelled his account with the microblogging site.

The sudden departure

The sudden departure comes after Walmart released a statement addressing his complaints saying, "We are surprised at the comments online. All Walmart stores nationwide have carried the CD since its release, including the Wallingford store mentioned in the post. This store actually sold through its initial

shipment over the weekend."

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# **Celebrity tweets**

Stephen Fry can't resist a bad pun, Sandra Bernhard is politically motivated, Nick Cannon is a frequent flyer and Rainn Wilson really needs to get off Twitter.

• @stephenfry

Busy in studio all morning voicing narration for a 5 part doc on Delia. Fingering a Shetland. (Feeling a little horse/hoarse geddit? Lol) • @SandraBernhard up and I

 dSandraBernhard up and mean up. Thinking about joe leiberman, he really touches me and that makes me violent.

• @NickCannon Just landed back in ny. Just for the day. Time to grind, then back to



# Nicole won't live in Oz

Nicole Kidman refuses to move back to Sydney, Australia, from the U.S., femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress won't move back to her native country due to the constant paparazzi hounding. The Moulin Rouge star sold her home in the city in May (for around \$10.5 million US).

Kidman now lives full-time in Nashville, Tenn., with her husband Keith Urban and their daughter Sunday Rose. The star is adamant she made the right decision.

She says, "It (me-

dia attention) makes certain cities impossible to live in. Like Sydney, it makes it impossible for us to live there.

"We certainly don't get that treatment in Tennessee. But it goes with the territory. It's just, we have to be careful, just to maintain some sort of semblance of a normal life for our child."

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# Whitney Houston likes to keep it subtle

SHE'S FAMOUS FOR IT, RIGHT? Whitney Houston says less is more, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She told America's In-Style magazine, "A smile, a little glance, the way you lean back says sexy without being too open or offending anyone."

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# **Courtney loses Frances**

POOR KID Courtney Love has lost custody of her daughter with the late Kurt Cobain, Frances Bean Cobain, according to People magazine. A California court has appointed Wendy O'Connor and Kimberly Cobain, the 17year-old girl's grand-



guardians, and the two women now have authority over the Frances Bean's education, health care and living situation.

A reason for the change in custody wasn't given.

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# Alex and Kate plus an amicable break

STRIKE OUT Just months after winning the World Series, Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez has apparently called it

quits with girlfriend Kate Hudson, according to Hollywood Life. The split appears to be amicable, as Rodriguez was spotted in

Miami recently "with two women, acting very single," a source says.

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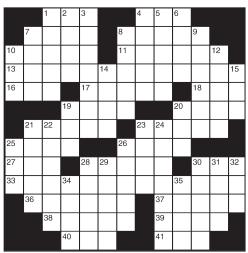
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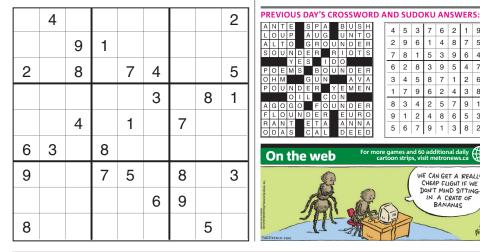
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# **Take Five**



### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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# Rosemary-glazed **Lamb Chops**

### INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 mL) currant jelly 2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard

4 tsp (20 mL) chopped fresh rosemary leaves 4 lean lamb loin chops 3-4 tbsp (45-60 mL) olive

1 eggplant, thickly sliced 8 slices ciabatta bread

## METHOD

1. In small pot, mix currant jelly, mustard and rosemary. Preheat broiler

to high.
2. Put lamb chops on grill rack, brush with oil, then season. Arrange eggplant slices on grill rack, brushing with oil. Broil 6-8 minutes, turning lamb once and eggplant slices occasionally, until golden.

3. Gently heat glaze, then brush some over lamb. Broil further 2 minutes. Turn lamb over and glaze other side. Cook 1-2 more minutes.

4. Meanwhile, brush ciabatta slices with some oil and add to grill rack. Broil ciabatta until golden on both sides.

5. Heat remaining glaze until almost boiling. Put lamb and eggplant on serving plates, then spoon hot glaze over lamb. Serve with ciabatta.

**SERVES 4** 

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### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

If you get the urge to try some-thing different today just go ahead and do it and don't waste a second worrying what other people might say.

# SEPT 23-OCT 23

Be careful what you ask for because if someone does you a fa-vor now you will be expected to do them a favor in the fu-

### **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21 Don't pull your punches today. Let those around you know why you are not amused at what's being going on.

# **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22
With Scorpio everything revolves around passion, so make sure what you start today is something you will want to continue.

# **GEMINI**

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 $(\Pi)$ MAY 22-JUNE 21 Cosmic activity in your oppo-site sign means the ball is in your opponent's court at the moment and all you can do is

On the web

### **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 23-DEC 21

Today's new moon in your sign guarantees that your current efforts will meet with the kind of success not even your mind could imagine.

# CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 You will work hard and get twice as much done as usual today, but you must also take time out to ask yourself.

### CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

Today's new moon in the most sensitive area of your chart won't let you get away with any kind of self-deception. Know yourself.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Whatever you start over the next 24 hours will bring success at some stage in the near fu-ture, so make it something you can look back on with pride.

### **AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18**

You usually get what you want in the long-term but today others will hand things to you without even being asked.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You can be a bit critical at times, and usually with good reason, but this is not the right time to go big on the negative comments

### FFR 19-MARCH 20

Believe it or not you are negotiating from a position of strength on the work front, so don't accept less than you are





Contest closes on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at midnight

# This day in history

1431: Henry VI of England is crowned King of France at Notre

1907: The Great White Fleet begins its circumnavigation of the world.

1942: Holocaust: Porajmos - Heinrich Himmler orders that Roma candidates for extermination be deported to Auschwitz.

1945: Thailand joins the United Nations.

1985: Mafia: In New York City, Paul Castellano and Thomas Bilotti are shot dead on the orders of John Gotti, who assumes leadership of the Gambino family.

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